

Dear Ed,

8/16/72

Thanks for 11 and clips. I'd heard of Nhu's supposed intent to negotiate with NVN but did not recall it was public as far back as Hilsman. I've never completed his book. I do have it. Time clip particularly interesting because it makes more sense of Hunt's real WH function, that made publicly being overtly nonsensical if blindly accepted by the press. Interesting that Mugaber notes other projects reported but avoids report what.

I've always had doubts about Kaiser based on a variety of reasons but ~~chiefly~~ chiefly lack of experience in this area. However, laying the assassination of Malcolm X to thenon-secret Elijah's bastards is a bit much and puts him in another area of suspicion. Adding absolution of the white power structure magnifies. Was it the black power structure, if any, or the Muslims for whom his bodyguard Roberts was a secret agent?

Didn't know Kaiser is now at Rand.

Diem: the NBC White Paper was great. Saw it. Think JP got transcript at my suggestion.

I have a rudimentary off-shore pil file. It is not really an area of silence but one in which the establishment felt called upon to deny left-wing accusations.

If you mean by HR Howard, if he isn't a VN expert he will be. I have given him boxes of my own files, including contemporaneous notes of which I am not without pride, as in seeing through Tonkin Gulg immediately and clearly. However, my own view is that no matter how rich the pil, without it there'd have been the same situation.

If the to-date record bears you out on the lack of real in-depth coverage of the Watergate Caper, the fact is that while one major paper seems to be seeking a coverup, two others, to my knowledge, have crews of reporters still looking and feeling as I do. This is not the same as a policy determination, but I feel that they'd not be wasting this time and money for nothing. I think the real situation is that the new breed of reporters is dependant upon sources and can't conceive of how to go out and dig on this kind of story. I've given several some easy and solid leads about which they've been able to do less with all their resources than I have been without any field work or a single toll call.

I guess my view shifts with my experience and knowledge, the one above based on two face-to-face meetings with two reporters yesterday and an hour-long call from a third last night.

Best,

8/11/72

Dear Harold,
The Sept. Penthouse
has a review of the
Malcolm X movie under
the heading, "Who Killed
Malcolm X?" The review
by Robert Blair Kaiser
suggests Malcolm X was
killed by Muslims because
of his knowledge of Elijah's
illegitimate children. There
is no evidence that the
White Power Structure was
involved, he concludes.
Perhaps, Blair's employment
at the Ramel Corp. has
"fathered an attitude of
"Where bread I eat, his
song I sing."

"Like The Assassinations,
an area of silence" has
covered many aspects
of Vietnam. Michael Fawcett
on an N.B.C. White Paper

disclosed that Diem was trying to negotiate with North Vietnam, also. Yet as important as this revelation is, I've only seen these "off Ramo" references.

The off shore oil is another key factor - "another" area of silence except for "left wing writers".

I understand H.R. is a Vietnam expert. He requires only security clearance to obtain the data.

The press seems unaware every day. The increase in postal rates was a punitive measure against ~~the~~ magazines like The Nation.

Yes, The G.M./Gervais affair and The Watergate Capers deserve in depth coverage but probably won't get it.

Take Care.

Sincerely,
